

REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claim 54 in view of the Examiner's claim objection regarding further limitation of the independent claim.

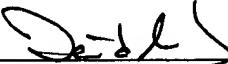
As to the substantive rejection, Applicants explicitly amended all pending claims in the Response mailed July, 2005, to require that the tag bits must be set "to a unique value indicative of an overrun condition". The Examiner acknowledges at page 4 of the Office Action that none of the three combined references, Bennett, Gulick or Lowell disclose providing a unique value indicative of the overrun condition. The reference to Crayford fails for two reasons. First, that a unique value indicative of the condition is not set. In contrast, Crayford merely "sets an overflow flag bit (O) ... to indicate possible data loss". (Col. 12, lines 56-58). Clearly no unique value is set indicative of the condition, merely that an overrun has occurred. Secondly, even if Crayford somehow taught the missing limitation, there is simply no suggestion or motivation to combine these references. Without such a suggestion or motivation, Crayford may not be combined with the other references.

Applicant requests allowance of the claims as presented. Should any matter remain, Applicant requests that the undersigned be contacted by telephone at (949) 823-6960.

Respectfully submitted,

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